

The NPRM of Sept 02 asks again and again for hard evidence that reduction or elimination (deregulation) of media ownership would not be against the public interest. I humbly offer evidence that deregulation of ownership in other industries works against the public interest: Enron (U.S.), Bechtel (water, Bolivia)...need I go on? My suggestion for the Act (of 1996): take seriously its requirement and mandate that regulations be reviewed every two years, and those not in the public interest be eliminated--by repealing the Act itself. By the way: Where, on May 15, can a humble member of the general public--a citizen, by God, not a "consumer"--get a copy of what the FCC plans to put to vote on June 2? One would think that in a free country, the body entrusted with media oversight would actually be enhancing rather than restricting the existence of an informed populace.